

Hi-Lighter

MAY/JUNE 2025



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Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed Monday,
May 26th for Memorial Day.

Police & Fire will remain open
24/7.



Select the "Notify Me" icon on the Home page of our website to stay informed of current events and happenings in the Village by signing up for our eNews.



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You Are Invited To:

Ride the Wave to Hanover Park

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

5:30 PM

1900 Ontarioville Plaza

Mural unveiling of
ukiyo-e style image

Japanese drumming performance
and classical dance demonstrative
lecture

Visit www.hpil.org for more information.



Calendar of Events

Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

4300 Audrey Lane
Hanover Park
630-837-6800

Family Concert Series

Harp Twins ft. Wolfgang Twins
May 18 • 2 p.m.



Afro-Caribbean Collective
June 15 • 2 p.m.

All ages welcome to our free Sunday concerts. To register, visit pplib.org/events or call 331-808-3515. Concerts take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.

Star Wars Day:
May the 4th Be With You
May 4 • 1-3 p.m.

Get ready to blast off through the stars and join an out-of-this-world, library-wide celebration of a galaxy far, far away. There will be crafts, games, Star Wars trivia, prizes and photos ops for an afternoon of sci-fi fun!

Summer Reading Challenge
June 1-August 1

Power Up at your library with a Summer Reading Challenge.

- Register online beginning June 1 or register via the READsquared mobile app.
- Choose a prize when you complete 1,000 minutes.
- All reading counts, including books, magazines, audiobooks, graphic novels, etc.
- Finish by August 1 to receive your final prize.

Hanover Park Branch Library

1266 Irving Park Road
Hanover Park
630-372-7800

Visit www.schaumburglibrary.org for the latest updates.

Google Drive
Tuesday, May 6
10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Learn to store, organize, and share documents in Google Drive. Please create a Google account before class and bring your login and password to class.

Tween Videogame Challenge
(9-12 years)
Thursday, May 8
4:00-5:00 p.m.

Join the library and put your reflexes, visual acuity, strategy, and videogame skills to the test.

Coffee and Coloring
Friday, May 9
1:00-2:00 p.m.

Enjoy a light social hour of coffee and adult coloring. Coloring sheets and supplies are provided.

Movie Screening:
Wednesday, May 14,
Friday, May 23,
Wednesday, June 11, &
Tuesday, June 27
6:30-9:00 p.m.

Enjoy a movie with the library. Movie titles are released approximately two weeks before the showing.

Free Summer Meals
Mondays-Fridays
June 9-August 8
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Stop by the Hanover Park Branch for a free, nutritious lunch. Meals are available to all children 18 and under.

Japanese Art Expo
Friday, June 6
2:30 p.m.



Learn about the art of Japanese calligraphy with your name written in Katakana characters, create a woodblock print to take home, and participate in a community coloring project to celebrate Hokusai's The Great Wave Off Kanagawa. Registration is preferred. Walk ins are welcome as space and supplies allow. Visit www.schaumburglibrary.org for more information.

May

1	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
3	Veterans Committee.....	9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
3	Kids at Hope Event.....	10:00 am / 1919 Walnut
7	Special Events Committee.....	11:30 am / Room 212
8	Development Commission.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
13	Economic Dev. Committee....	12:30 pm / Room 214
15	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
17	DuPage River Sweep.....	9:00 am / 1130 E. Lake
20	CIDC Committee.....	6:15 pm / Room 123
21	Water Bills Due	
22	Sister Cities Committee.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
26	Memorial Day Event.....	10:00 am / Veteran's Plaza
26	Memorial Day - Village Hall Closed	
27	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Room 214
27	Environmental Committee...	7:00 pm / Room 214

June

5	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
7	Veterans Committee.....	9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
7	Apiary Open House.....	1:00 pm / 2500 Army Trail
10	Economic Dev. Committee..	12:30 pm / Room 214
12	Development Commission...	7:00 pm / Room 214
17	CIDC Committee	6:15 pm / Room 123
19	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
21	Juneteenth Event.....	12:00 pm / 1200 Sycamore
21	Water Bills Due	
24	Ride the Wave into HP Event..	5:30 pm / Ontarioville
24	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Room 214
24	Environmental Committee...	7:00 pm / Room 214
26	Sister Cities Committee.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm



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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



The arrival of Spring brings a fresh wave of community events, and speaking of waves, we have an exciting new event this year. Ride the Wave to Hanover Park for a special mural unveiling on June 24th. Residents can also look forward to many other activities, which includes our Kids at Hope Community Resource Fair, Movies in the Park, Apiary Open House, Juneteenth event, and many others. There is something for everyone to enjoy. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for additional information!



Spring also means that the Village is gearing up to start many projects in town. One being our Arlington Drive Bridge replacement project. We understand that construction may cause delays and inconveniences, but these projects are essential for improving safety and infrastructure for years to come. We ask that you please be patient as crews work diligently to complete work as quickly and efficiently as possible.

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to Trustee Bob Prigge for his many years of service to Hanover Park, and to congratulate the new and re-elected Village Trustees, who are being sworn in at our May 1, 2025 Village Board meeting. I am honored to, once again, serve another term as Mayor of Hanover Park. We are all proud to serve as your Village Board and to work for you, the good people of Hanover Park.

Have you heard about WaterSmart? This great new utility portal is now available to residents. Residents can view their water usage history and receive personalized conservation tips, as well as sign up for usage alerts to notify you of unusual spikes in water usage.

The Village also offers residents a Service Line Protection Program, to provide optional repair service plans to our resident homeowners. The service plans offered protect you from the cost and inconvenience of home repair emergencies, including water service line leaks on their property. Visit www.slwofa.com for additional information.

I am currently serving as President of the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC), and as President, much of my time has been spent working to encourage legislators to seek pension stability and ensure local revenues meet the needs of our constituents, as well as ensure transit governance represents suburbia as the urban area expands providing for the "Public Good" (ability to use transit to get to work).

Hanover Park has fostered strong connections with our congressional leaders. I look forward to working with both our federal and state legislators in the future. Thank you to Representatives Krishnamoorthi and Ramirez, along with Senators Durbin and Duckworth. I would also like to acknowledge our state

legislators, Representatives Crespo, Hischauer, Mussman, and Sanalitra, as well as Senators Castro, Lewis, Murphy and Villa. All are aware of my steadfast commitment to sustaining Hanover Park as a welcoming, inclusive, and family-oriented community for all residents.

Finally, it continues to be my pleasure to represent the people of Hanover Park, our hometown. We cannot do it without you! Take time to volunteer and give back to our wonderful town, at the schools, churches or assisting on the playing field. We are a Village that believes all youth will have hope and achieve success without exception. Together we are finding ways to believe in our youth and together we can make a difference in Hanover Park!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rodney A. Craig'.

Mayor Rodney Craig

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Troy Albuck



Yasmeen Bankole



Jenni Broccolino



Liza Gutierrez



Jon Kunkel



Herb Porter

Clerk's Corner:

Understanding Special Event & Block Party Applications in Hanover Park

Did you know that if you are planning a Special Event or Block Party, you will need to complete the proper application? What is the difference between the two you ask?



Kristy Merrill
Village Clerk

Block Parties are for Hanover Park residents who live on a residential street and wish to have a party with their neighbors. Streets may be closed (if available and approved). All applications for a Block party should be submitted to the Clerk's office 30 days prior to the party. There are no fees associated with a block party application.

Special Events are for businesses in Hanover Park to promote business through sidewalk sales, live entertainment, festivals, and more. These events require a Village permit submitted 60 days prior to the event. The fee for each special event permit is \$35.00.

Applications for both are available at www.HPIL.org. Questions? Please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 630-823-5602.

Garage Sale: There is NO permit needed for Garage Sales. We ask that you adhere to our sign regulation if you choose do a garage sale. Signs may be erected one day in advance of the sale and must be removed at end of the sale. Banners are prohibited. Illegal signs will be removed and disposed of by Village personnel. Property owners may receive citations based upon repeat offenses.



DUPAGE RIVER SWEEP

*Saturday, May 17, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
1130 E. Lake St., Hanover Park
(Rear of parking lot of
Time Out West Sports Pub)*

Join fellow Hanover Park residents in keeping our rivers clean. Help remove debris from the river bank between Arlington Drive and Lake St.

Wear waterproof boots, gloves and work clothes. To register, contact the Environmental Committee Hotline at 630-823-5706!

This event is sponsored by both the Environmental Committee and the Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Committee.

APIARY OPEN HOUSE

The Village of Hanover Park Environmental Committee invites you to visit our Apiary Open House. Come visit our beehives, learn about honeybees, and learn how you can get started keeping honeybees in Hanover Park

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025
1:00-4:00 PM
2500 ARMY TRAIL ROAD**

The Apiary is moving to a new location on the same Village property. The access is now off of Bayside Drive.

FREE GIVEAWAYS AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

www.hpil.org or call 630-823-5700 for additional information.

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2121 W. Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133

Important Telephone Numbers: Police, Fire & Ambulance: 9-1-1

Main Number 630.823.5600
Police Information 630.823.5500
Public Works Dept..... 630.823.5700
Comm. Development.... 630.823.5780
Finance Department..... 630.823.5790
Water Billing 630.823.5799
Fire Department..... 630.823.5800
Inspectional Services..... 630.823.5860
Police Department fax .. 630.823.5499
Public Works fax 630.823.5704
Municipal Building fax ... 630.823.5786

Code Enforcement Hotline
630.823.5572

Village Board Meetings:

Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2121 W. Lake Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

Call the Village Clerk's Office at 630-823-5601 or visit our website for dates, times and locations of the following regularly scheduled meetings:

- Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Comm.
- Development Commission
- Economic Development Committee
- Environmental Committee
- Historical Committee
- Sister Cities Committee
- Special Events Committee
- Veteran's Committee

Curfew hours:

For those under 17 years of age -
10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday
11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Neighborhood Watch:

Interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch block captain? Contact 630.823.5635 for more information.

For questions or concerns regarding Village services, call 630.823.5600.

www.hpil.org



The Hanover Park Fire Department was originally founded in 1928 as the Ontarioville Fire Protection District. The department has grown from a firefighter pulled 60-gallon two wheeled soda acid cart stored in a warehouse, to providing emergency responses with staffed ambulances and suppression units, public education, emergency management and preparedness, on-scene rehabilitation to firefighters by volunteer Fire Corp members, and providing permits and inspections by the Inspectional Services Division.

Currently, the department operates out of two fire stations that are strategically located to provide timely responses and coverage to the Village. The department responds to a variety of emergencies, including but not limited to structure fires, hazardous materials incidents, vehicle accidents and medical emergencies. The department staffs 11 personnel each shift to provide emergency responses with a rescue squad, fire engine, tower ladder, two ambulances, and a shift commander 24 hours per day, 365 days a year.

Additionally, the department provides public education and safety programs, such as smoke detector installations and school safety talks. The department also provides Emergency Management for the Village. All of which promote safety and preparedness for the community.

The department is a member of the West Suburban Fire Rescue Alliance with 7 other neighboring fire departments and protection districts. The primary objective of the Alliance is to standardize operations and training. This is done through monthly training sessions and planning to ensure agencies operate collaboratively and safely at emergency incidents.

With an emphasis on continuous training and development, firefighters constantly undergo a variety of different types of training environments including paramedic continuing education, live fire training, active threat, and disaster responses to ensure that department personnel are ready to handle any situation.

Fire Corp personnel are a group of volunteer members of the department that respond to structure fires and other large emergency incidents to provide on-scene rehabilitation to firefighters. Fire Corp has a response vehicle called Rehab 15, equipped with water, Gatorade, cooling chairs and other items to help firefighters rehab after fighting fires or working at large scale incidents.

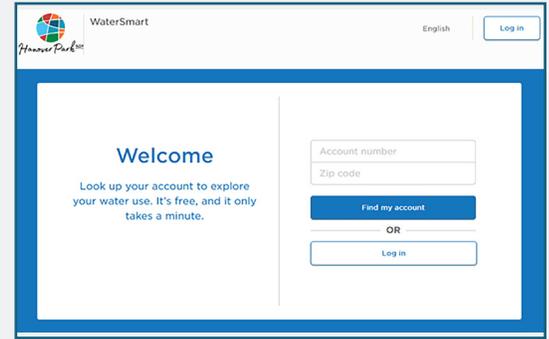
Outside of emergency responses and preparedness, the Fire Department Inspectional Services Division protects public health and safety by providing periodic inspections of all businesses in the Village. In addition, Inspectional Services reviews all construction projects, issues permit and provides inspections for food services in the Village. The Inspectional Services Division operates at Village Hall and is staffed by a Chief Building Inspector, Project/Plan Reviewer, 2 inspectors, and 3 permit coordinators.

We hope you enjoyed getting to know the Fire Department. You can also find additional information on the Fire Department website, <https://www.hpil.org/1043/Fire-Department>.



WaterSmart is Here!

Residents now have access to a new utility portal called WaterSmart. Through the WaterSmart portal, residents can track their own water usage history with personalized recommendations on how to reduce water consumption. You can enroll in usage alerts that will notify you of any unusual spikes in water use. This feature helps you detect issues early and avoid unexpected high bills!



Residents will also be able to view and pay their utility bills through the WaterSmart portal. Options for paperless billing and autopay are also available! You can look up your account by providing your utility account number and zip code. From there, you will create an account by providing your email and create a password.

How Can WaterSmart Help Me Detect A Leak?

Through the WaterSmart portal, you can enroll in high or unplanned use notifications. You choose the parameters and how you would like to be notified, such as email, text message, or voice message. Unexplained high usage is often a sign of a leak. WaterSmart provides a step-by-step guidance on where to check for leaks,

including your toilet, faucets, and irrigation systems. This guidance includes videos on where and how to look for potential leaks. You can submit this found leak information in WaterSmart to help you better track and understand your water consumption. If you find a leak and are unsure how to fix it, remember to contact a plumber for further assistance.

Community Visioning Workshop

Join us at the upcoming Community Visioning Workshop!
Tuesday, May 13th at 6:00 pm in Village Hall, 2121 W Lake St.

The Village is hosting a Community Visioning Workshop to hear from you about your vision for Hanover Park and gain insight about concerns that must be addressed by the Comprehensive Plan. This is your opportunity to tell us what you think, before plans and recommendations are crafted. Come prepared to:

- Work together to identify planning priorities, issues, and opportunities.
- Work with smaller breakout groups on a mapping exercise, putting pen to paper to develop your vision for the future of the community.
- Build consensus on the long-term character of Hanover Park.
- Identify projects and improvements that will be desirable in the future.
- The Community Visioning Workshop is a key component in developing the Plan and everyone is encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

Our Apologies for the Mix-Up

The Village wishes to apologize for including an incorrect name in our last newsletter.

Our Business of the Year, Orale Mexican Bar and Grill, is owned by Carlos and Nelly Palacios. We apologize to the owners for the mix-up! Thanks for understanding!



small business SPOTLIGHT



Tax Community Services
1601 Tanglewood, Unit 105
630-855-3911
Info@taxcommunityservices.com



Looking for more than just tax services? Tax Community Services opened in 2018 and is committed to helping the Hispanic community with a unique personalized service. Their business philosophy is to offer exceptional customer service and help find customers the maximum tax refund permitted by law and to educate the Hispanic community to be compliant with their federal and state tax obligations.

They are also the only business in Hanover Park with certified IRS Acceptance Agents for ITIN numbers. Personal and business income tax assistance is their main service, but they also offer help with immigration forms, accounting services, auto and commercial insurance, license plates and titles, notary and translation services.

They are committed to helping the Hispanic community and provide monetary contributions to schools, churches, and funeral homes as well as helping families in need to provide school supplies, food, and toys.

During tax season they are open 7 days a week: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-2pm. Regular hours are: Mon-Fri 10am-7pm and Sat 10am-3pm. Closed Sunday.

A Brief History of the Hanover Park Women's Club

Written by Lisa Mueller, Poplar Creek Public Library Local History Librarian



The Hanover Park Junior Women's Club began in 1966. One of their first events was a Christmas party for children that was attended by over 400 people. You might remember participating in their Christmas parties, or some of their other community activities and events: blood draws, senior lunches, donating toys and food baskets, Halloween parties, environmental projects, a child fingerprinting and videotaping program run with the police department, a baby picture contest, and their annual fashion show. The club had over 3,000 hours of community service from 1985 to 1986. The club ended in the 1990s.

You can find more Hanover Park history by visiting Poplar Creek Public Library's digital collection at pclib.org/localhistory. Email history@pclib.org or call (331) 808-3535 with any research questions. Our website shares images provided by the Hanover Park Historic Committee. If you are interested in helping preserve Hanover Park history, the Historic Committee meets at Village Hall every fourth Tuesday of the month.



SAVE THE DATE



THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
IS PLEASED TO HOST

JUNETEENTH
Celebration

FAMILY * FRIENDS * FOOD * FUN
Saturday, June 21, 2025
12 NOON - 5 PM

HANOVER PARK SPORTS COMPLEX
1200 Sycamore
Hanover Park, Illinois 60133

live entertainment, food trucks, face painting,
balloon art, games & more

For event information, call 630-823-5577 or
email sistercities@hpiil.org

To advertise in the event program booklet,
call 630-776-6935 or email
friendsofsistercitieshp@gmail.com

FREE 
YOUTH DROP-IN

SUMMER DAYS & HOURS
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Starting June 3rd
(No tutoring during the summer)

5TH - 12TH GRADERS



1211 CATALINA DRIVE
HANOVER PARK, IL
(INSIDE GREENBROOK TANGLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER)

  @AliveHanoverPark www.alivecenter.org

Beware of Ruse Burglaries

Ruse burglaries or distraction burglaries are crimes where a criminal pretends to be someone else to gain entry into a home and steal valuables. To prevent ruse burglaries you can:

- Be wary of strangers: Don't open the door to people you don't know or who you haven't called for service.
- Verify identity: Ask for identification before allowing anyone into your home.
- Report suspicious activity: Call 911 immediately if you see someone or something suspicious.
- Secure your home: Install deadbolt locks on all exterior doors, and additional locks on sliding glass doors and windows.
- Make your home look occupied: Keep lights on and arrange for lawn care and mail pickup while you're away.
- Educate your neighbors: Share information about ruse burglaries with your neighbors and relatives.
- Be alert: Look out for suspicious vehicles or activity and be especially watchful of elderly neighbors.



Examples of ruse burglaries include:

- A con artist approaches a victim in their yard and distracts them
- A repair person claims to need to enter the home to complete a repair
- A utility worker claims to need to check for a gas, electric, or water problem
- A fire department inspector claims to need to check smoke detectors

When in doubt, do not let the individual inside. Call 911 and an officer will respond to your location to provide assistance.

Tips for a Healthy Lawn

Weeds

The Code Enforcement Unit would like to remind residents that local ordinance prohibits weeds, grass, or plants (except ornamental trees, bushes, or flowers) to exceed eight inches in height.

Follow these tips to keep your lawn healthy:

- Trim and edge the grass before mowing to reduce the risk of injury and improve the appearance of your lawn.

- Mow often and early, preferably in the morning or evening, to maintain a healthy lawn and avoid stressing the grass.
- Cut your lawn "tall", leaving about 3 inches of grass height, to promote root growth and prevent weeds.
- Let the grass clippings fall and mulch the grass blades finer, to provide nutrients and moisture to the soil.
- Finish by blowing or sweeping up lawn waste on driveways and

sidewalks. Unattended lawn waste and clog storm drains or make its way to local waterways.

- Maintain your mower by regularly checking the oil and cleaning the mower deck.
- Use a sharp mower blade and change direction each time you mow, to make a clean cut and prevent soil compaction.

If you have any questions regarding the weed ordinance please contact the Code Enforcement Unit at (630) 823-5570.

Elected Officials Sworn In

On May 1, 2025, the Village of Hanover Park held a swearing in ceremony for Mayor Craig, re-elected Village Clerk Merrill, two re-elected Village Trustees Troy Albuck and Yasmeen Bankole, and one new Village Trustee Jennifer Broccolino.



Mayor Craig was elected in 2001 as Village Trustee, and then elected as Village President in 2007. He is now serving his sixth term as Mayor. Mayor Craig is active in several organizations, including serving as President of the Northwest Municipal Conference, Board Member on the Metra Board, Director of the Illinois Municipal League and Vice President of DuComm.

Village Clerk Kristy Merrill was elected in 2021 and is serving her second term as Village Clerk. Kristy is actively involved with the Girl Scouts and Mission Church. She also served as Aquatics Director at the former Campanelli YMCA in Schaumburg. She currently serves as the Board Liaison of the Village's Special Events Committee.



In 2024, Troy Albuck was sworn in to fill the remaining term of an elected official who had resigned and is now serving a full-term. Trustee Albuck is a Veteran who served in the United States Army, and served as a member of the Village's Veterans Committee. He also serves as the Board Liaison on the Village's Economic Development Committee and Development Commission.

Village Trustee Yasmeen Bankole was elected in 2021 and is now serving her second term. She currently serves as the Board Liaison for the Village's Environmental Committee, and the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Legislative Committee. She is also the Economic Development Chair for the DuPage County NAACP, and is a Board Member of the



Firehouse Community Arts Center of Chicago.



Jenni Broccolino is a newly elected Village Trustee who is actively involved as PTA Treasurer. She also serves as a Girl Scout Leader and is actively involved as a community leader with Mission Church.

Congratulations to all!

Thank You & Farewell Trustee Prigge

The Village of Hanover Park would like to bid farewell and extend a sincere thank you to outgoing Elected Official, Trustee Bob Prigge, for his many years of service.



Village Trustee Prigge was elected in 2017 and served two terms in office. He served as the Board Liaison on the Joint Action Water Agency (JAWA), as well as the Northwest Municipal Conference. He was also actively involved with the Boy Scouts and Hanover Park Little League.

Trustee Prigge has worked hard to represent the needs of the people of Hanover Park, and we thank him for his dedication and service!


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MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

MAY 26, 2025
10:00 AM

VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA
VILLAGE HALL
2121 W LAKE STREET



Red Flag Warnings...What it Means!

This spring has been a busy season with high winds adding to potential brush fires for Hanover Park. Our residents can help protect our neighbors from brush fires by being weather aware of Red Flag Warnings.

Do you know what Red Flag Warning means?

A Red Flag Warning means that the weather conditions are present for wildland fire combustion and the rapid spread of fire. We typically do not see these warnings in our suburban area, but as weather conditions change between seasons, our levels of humidity and high winds can create these conditions more frequently. The National Weather Service will designate a Red Flag Watch or Red Flag Warning when weather conditions include high winds, low humidity combined with dry or dead vegetation.

Fire Chief Eric Fors recommends to remain Weather Aware of any notifications from the National Weather Service on Red Flag Warnings. The use of any charcoal grills, outdoor fire pits, burn pits, or approved seasonal firewood burning should be delayed due to the risk of flying embers. These embers could cause a rapid spread of fire within our residential area during Red Flag conditions. He also suggests using caution when discarding smoking materials and storing hot operating equipment that could cause fires quickly.

What is a Prescribed Burn?

The Village of Hanover Park Fire Department does not participate in Prescribed Burns to burn dead foliage in a controlled manor within our village, but you may see contractors from DuPage County complete these for environmental purposes.

How can I become Weather Aware?

The National Weather Service – Chicago office provides updates on current weather conditions and outlooks that impact the Village of Hanover Park. Check out their website at www.weather.gov/lot for current conditions and warnings for our area.



The Hanover Park Fire Department observing Red Flag Warning conditions by using an anemometer to test wind speed and humidity.



Volunteer Opportunity



Hanover Park Fire Department serves over 39,000 residents and is a part of the Greater Elgin Area EMS System.

Fire Corps is a volunteer part of the Hanover Park Fire Department that performs many tasks to assist the Fire Department, including fire prevention, station tours and incident rehab. The Fire Corps team has responded to many communities in the area to provide incident rehab services at their incidents.

Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older, with a valid driver's license. Residency within the Village of Hanover Park is not required.

To learn more and to fill out an application, visit

To learn more and to fill out an application, click on the QR Code or call (630) 823-5800



Fire Department Collaborates with the Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE)

The Hanover Park Fire Department is proud to say they will be working with the Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE) again this summer!

"The Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE) mission is to align community resources and collaborate with organizations in support of public school strategies to raise student achievement; create responsible, productive, and contributing members of our society; and advance the economic and social well-being of communities served by school districts U-46, 300, and 301 in Illinois".

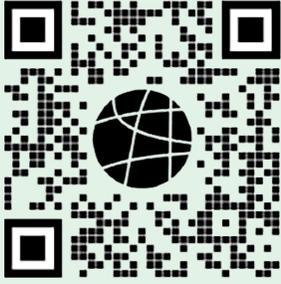
Last year, the fire department hosted a 20-hour internship to students in school districts U-46, 300 and 301 through the ACE program. During the internship, students will have the ability to train like a firefighter and experience the daily work life of a Hanover Park Firefighter. At the end of the 20-hour internship, students will be certified in CPR and Stop the Bleed. They will also learn about the many exciting career opportunities in the fire service and other public service fields.

For more information about the Alignment Collaborative for Education, visit <https://www.align4edu.org/>.



We Are Hiring!

Join our team by applying at www.hpiljobs.org



2025 Construction Season

2025 will be another busy year for construction projects in the Village of Hanover Park. Projects will include water main replacement, roadway maintenance and resurfacing, Arlington Drive Bridge replacement, ADA sidewalk improvements, curb and gutter repairs, and pavement surface patching. These projects are important to the Village as construction is vital to our economy and community.

Visit the Village's website at <https://www.hpil.org/1234/Current-Projects> for interactive project updates, or call the Engineering Department at 630-823-5700 for specific project inquiries.

Please remember to drive slowly in construction zones and be extra careful around the workers. They're working hard to improve your community, so we want to ensure they go home safely.

Kids at Hope Event

Mayor Rodney Craig's Kids at Hope Coalition is holding a Health & Resource Fair on Saturday, May 3rd from 10 am to 1 pm. Learn about resources in our community.

The event will feature vendors, games, prizes and giveaways, health screenings and student performances.

Bring non-perishable food donations to earn raffle tickets.

For additional information, visit our website at www.hpil.org

Arlington Drive Bridge Project: Enhancing Our Community!



The Village of Hanover Park is excited to announce that the Arlington Drive Bridge Replacement project began this spring. This essential infrastructure upgrade, made possible by over a decade of planning and funding efforts, will significantly improve safety and accessibility in our community. Those efforts have resulted in the Illinois Department of Transportation funding 80% of the \$2.3 million project.

Preparatory work, including layout, traffic control, and utility relocation, began in April. The bridge replacement will require the complete closure of Arlington Drive between Greenbrook Boulevard and Catalina Drive for most of the project. Clearly marked detours will direct traffic exiting the neighborhood to Lake Street via Arlington Drive, and entering via Greenbrook Boulevard to Lake Street to Arlington Drive. Construction is highly dependent on weather conditions but is anticipated to take until the spring of 2026. The bridge will be closed for most of 2025.

We understand construction can be disruptive. For project updates, maps, and schedules, visit: <https://www.hpil.org/1234/Current-Projects>.

HR Green is the Village's consultant overseeing the project. Contact Resident Engineer Justin McKuzes at (815) 759-8341 or jmckuzes@hrgreen.com with questions.

We appreciate your patience as we enhance our infrastructure. The long-term benefits will be worth the temporary inconveniences. We're building a better Hanover Park!

Storm Drains and Urban Runoff Pollution

Anything that residents or businesses use in their daily activities can end up in the street. The smallest amount of rain can carry these hazardous materials through the storm drain, polluting streams, rivers, and wetlands. The main reason for storm drains is to clear the water from the streets and not to dispose of hazardous materials.

Dumping one quart of motor oil down a storm drain contaminates 250,000 gallons of water. Storm drains are separate from the Village's sewer system, which can cause urban runoff pollution to flow into streams and rivers, harming aquatic life and wetland habitats.

Urban runoff pollution can include anything that washes into the storm drain from the community. This includes:

- Automotive leaks and spills
- Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers from lawns and gardens
- Cleaners and paint
- Debris from landscaping and construction projects

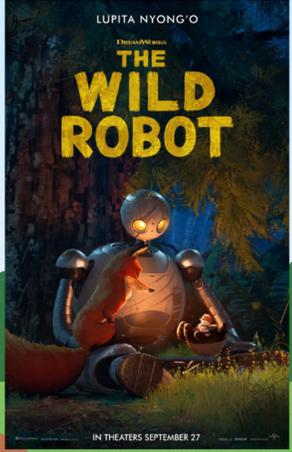
The support of Village residents and businesses is needed to improve water quality and reduce the threat of urban runoff pollution. Proper use and disposal of materials will help stop this pollution before it reaches the storm drain and our rivers and streams.

If you have questions or need to report possible harmful discharges to the storm drain system, call the Village of Hanover Park's Public Works at (630) 823-5700.

FREE

Movie in the Park

Wild Robot
June 20, 2025
East Harbor Park
4001 Woodlake Dr.



Dogman
July 18, 2025
Community Park
1919 Walnut



Inside Out 2
August 1, 2025
Community Park
1919 Walnut



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Village President - Rodney S. Craig

Village Clerk - Kristy Merrill

- Troy Albuck, Trustee
- Jennifer Broccolino, Trustee
- Yasmeen Bankole, Trustee
- Liza Gutierrez, Trustee
- Jon Kunkel, Trustee
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